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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 40-84 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 78-84 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 40-61, 63 and 70-77 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 62 and 64-69 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. This office action, in response to the amendment filed 8/22/2006, is a non-final office action.

Response to Arguments

2. The previous objections to the priority and abstract are withdrawn in view of the amendment.
3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 40-77 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection stated below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 40-61, 63 and 70-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Philips et al (US 5,872,810) in view of Haarsten (US 6,081,697).

Regarding claims 40, 74 and 75, Philips discloses a CDMA communication device shown in figures 1 and 2 and a method of using the communication device. The device comprises a CDMA transmitter and receiver (figure 2). The device comprises RAM 206 as well as registers (column 14, lines 63-66; column 16, lines 15-17 and column 20, lines 12-15). The device comprises an acquisition circuit (column 21, line 65

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to column 22, line 5). Phillips does not disclose a phase circuit for phase unbalance precompensation comprised in the CDMA transmitter. Haarsten discloses a phase circuit for phase unbalance precompensation comprised in the CDMA transmitter in figure 7. The transmitter is based on the same principles as the low-IF dual-output mixer used at the receiver. The input signals are phase shifted by ninety degrees and subsequently multiplied in a quadrature mixer. The outputs of the mixer are then summed (column 8, lines 58-65). By rotating the Q signal by ninety degrees and subsequently adding the I and rotated Q signals, the lower bands are suppressed and the upper branches remain (column 2, lines 30-48). This allows for the proper recovery of the deserved individual carriers. For this reason, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Haarsten into the system of Phillips.

Regarding claims 41 and 70, Philips further discloses a circuit comprising a noise estimator 242 that performs a sum of the absolute values of the I and Q branch output (column 18, lines 10-15) and a programmable low-pass filter (column 18, lines 1-10).

Regarding claim 42, Philips further discloses a circuit comprising a noise estimator 242 that performs a sum of the absolute values of the I and Q branch output (column 18, lines 10-15). The DSP 204 reads the signal energy level from the noise estimator 242 and uses this information to control the gain of the receiver (column 18, lines 15-19). Philips also discloses correlators 224 used for synchronization purposes (column 14, line 63 to column 15, line 11).

Regarding claims 43 and 44, Philips further discloses a circuit comprising a data buffer 221, I and Q spreaders 223 and 225 and gain control 227. These elements prepare the data for transmission in figure 2.

Regarding claims 45-47, Philips further discloses processor 204 in figure 1.

Regarding claims 48-50, Phillips further discloses the transmitter chip matched filter 220 performs shaping of the spread base band signals from spreaders 222, 223 (column 16, lines 23-28).

Regarding claim 51, Philips discloses to transmit and receive GPS signals (column 14, lines 63-66).

Regarding claims 52-58, Philips discloses chip-matched filters 220, 220a are over sampling low pass filters (column 14, lines 57-60) and these filters perform shaping of the base band signals (column 16, lines 23-28). In addition, the transmitter is arranged for multi-code transmission (column 1, lines 17-42).

Regarding claims 59, 72 and 73, the receiver comprises a pulse shaper and demodulator for recovering the received information (figure 2). Early and late correlations are computed (column 18, lines 20-26 and column 36, lines 12-26)

Regarding claim 60, Philips discloses down converter 212 is prior to pulse shaping filter 241 in figure 2.

Regarding claim 61, Philips discloses to transmit and receive GPS signals (column 14, lines 63-66).

Regarding claims 63 and 71, Philips further discloses the levels of the I and Q branch can be separately adjusted (column 16, lines 50-53).

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Regarding claim 76, Philips discloses to transmit and receive GPS signals (column 14, lines 63-66).

Regarding claim 77, Philips further discloses processor 204 in figure 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 62 and 64-69 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. Claims 78-84 are allowed.

Conclusion

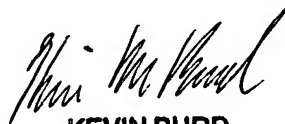
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin M. Burd whose telephone number is (571) 272-3008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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